



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON D.C. 20463

APR 15 2003

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Paul Williams
1416 Kipp Avenue
Kemah, TX 77565

RE: MUR 5359
Paul Williams for Congress

Dear Mr. Williams:

On April 1, 2003, the Federal Election Commission found that there is reason to believe you violated 2 U.S.C. § 439a and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act") and Commission regulations. The Factual and Legal Analysis, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

You may submit any factual or legal materials that you believe are relevant to the Commission's consideration of this matter. Please submit such materials to the General Counsel's Office within 15 days of your receipt of this letter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. In the absence of additional information, the Commission may find probable cause to believe that a violation has occurred and proceed with conciliation.

In order to expedite the resolution of this matter, the Commission has also decided to offer to enter into negotiations directed towards reaching a conciliation agreement in settlement of this matter prior to a finding of probable cause to believe. Enclosed is a conciliation agreement that the Commission has approved.¹

If you are interested in expediting the resolution of this matter by pursuing preprobable cause conciliation, and if you agree with the provisions of the enclosed agreement, please sign and return the agreement, along with the civil penalty, to the Commission. In light of the fact

¹ The Commission also found reason to believe that Paul Williams for Congress and Michael Mundy, as Treasurer ("the Committee"), violated numerous provisions of the Act and Commission regulations. As such, the enclosed conciliation agreement addresses all violations arising in this matter, including those committed by the Committee. Please note that the Committee will receive the original conciliation agreement, however, a copy of the conciliation agreement is enclosed for your convenience.

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that conciliation negotiations, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, are limited to a maximum of 30 days, you should respond to this notification as soon as possible

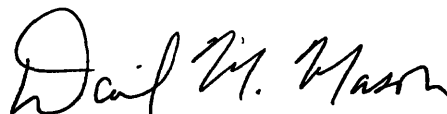
Requests for extensions of time will not be routinely granted. Requests must be made in writing at least five days prior to the due date of the response and specific good cause must be demonstrated. In addition, the Office of the General Counsel ordinarily will not give extensions beyond 20 days.

If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address, and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. §§ 437g(a)(4)(B) and 437g(a)(12)(A), unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the investigation to be made public.

For your information, we have enclosed a brief description of the Commission's procedures for handling possible violations of the Act. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle E. Abellera, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,



David M. Mason
Commissioner

Enclosures

Factual and Legal Analysis

Procedures

Designation of Counsel Form

Conciliation Agreement

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2 **FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION**
3 **FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**
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6 **RESPONDENT:** Paul Williams

MUR: 5359

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9 **I. INTRODUCTION**

10 This matter was generated from an audit of Paul Williams for Congress ("PWFC" or "the
11 Committee") undertaken in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 438(b).

12 **II. FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

13 Based on the Audit Referral at 12-13, the Commission found reason to believe that Paul
14 Williams and Paul Williams for Congress and Michael Mundy, as treasurer, violated 2 U.S.C.
15 § 439a and 11 C.F.R. § 113.1(g) by using campaign funds for personal use.
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18 **Attachment:**

19 Audit Referral—Report of the Audit Division on Paul Williams for Congress

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